

ESF-8 (Health and Medical) Conference Monday, March 3 – Wednesday, March 5, 2014

LTC Sessions

Monday, March 3, 2014

10:00 AM: Conference Registration Opens

1:00 – 1:15 PM: Opening and Welcome

1:15-2:45 PM: Opening Session: Boston Bombing Presentation

Speaker: John Grieb is the deputy director of the Emergency Preparedness Bureau at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

The Boston Marathon bombing was a terrible event the impact of which proved the importance of ongoing training and multi-disciplinary cooperation. It reinforced the need for flexible response strategies in the face of unexpected developments. This session will address the health and medical response from the perspective of Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Session Objectives:

- Be provided with a description of the expected and unexpected impacts on the health system.
- Understand the roles of various public and private mental health organizations and how a collaborative response was organized.
- Understanding how ongoing training initiatives were put to use during the response.
- Learn that routine event planning positioned Marathon organizers and emergency personnel to respond effectively to a no notice mass casualty event.
- Learn how lessons learned are being applied to planning for the 2014 Marathon

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3:00 – 3:50 PM – LTC & Norovirus

Speaker: Jasie Logsdon, MPH, MA, serves as the KDPH point of contact for foodborne and waterborne disease outbreaks.

Noroviruses are the most common cause gastroenteritis and are highly contagious. They can spread rapidly and a person can become ill through ingesting the virus from contaminated food or water or by close contact with someone who is ill. Thus, early identification and intervention is required to prevent the spread through healthcare facilities. This session will describe the identification, investigation, and response activities necessary for norovirus outbreaks.

Session Objectives:

- Define emerging infectious diseases.
- Explain the factors that contribute to disease emergence.
- Discuss newly emerging human pathogens.
- Describe emerging infectious disease surveillance and preparedness activities.

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4:00 – 5:00 PM: LTC & Scabies

Speaker: T.J. Sugg, MPH, Epidemiologist for the Reportable Disease Branch, Kentucky Division of Epidemiology and Health Planning at the KY Department for Public Health (KDPH).

Human scabies are caused by an infestation of the skin by the human itch mite. Scabies occurs worldwide and affects people of all races and social classes. Scabies can spread rapidly under crowded conditions where close body contact is frequent. Institutions such as nursing homes, extended-care facilities, and prisons are often sites of scabies outbreaks. This session will describe how to identify cases of scabies and how to effectively prevent and respond to scabies outbreaks.

Session Objectives:

- Discuss the life cycle of the human itch mite.
- Describe the clinical presentation of scabies.
- Explain specimen collection and confirmatory testing.
- Describe outbreak identification, management, and reporting guidelines.
- Discuss the importance of notifying public health authorities when more than one case is identified.

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Tuesday, March 4, 2014

7:30 AM: Conference Registration Opens

8:00 – 9:50 AM – LTC Surge Planning

Speakers: **Betty Shiels**, PhD-C, Institutional Director, Kentucky Emergency Preparedness for Aging Program, University of Louisville, Kent School of Social Work. **Barbara Helm, MA**, Educational Services Coordinator, University of Kentucky, College of Public Health. **Ken Urlage, NHA**, Administrator at River Valley Nursing Home, Butler, KY.

In the event of an emergency or disaster, long term care facilities may be asked to accept residents from other health care facilities if those facilities have been damaged or destroyed. Surge is the term used when facilities are asked to expand beyond normal operating capacity. Participants will be introduced to the new KY LTC Surge Planning Recommendations.

Session Objectives:

- Define “Surge” in context of Emergency Preparedness
- Summarize the Kentucky LTC Surge Planning Recommendations
- Give examples of how a specific facility can incorporate the KY LTC Surge Planning Recommendations into its preparedness plan
- Demonstrate ways to apply use of the Evacuation Transportation Tool (through participation in tabletop exercise)
- Discuss lessons learned from the tabletop exercise

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10:00 – 11:50 AM - LTC Crisis Standards of Care

Speaker: Ruth Carrico, PhD, FSHEA, RN, CIC, Professor, University of Louisville, School of Medicine

During disasters and emergencies, maintaining the quality of care and quality of life of residents in long term care is of major concern to residents, staff and family members. When resources are limited, staff is stretched, alternate plans need to be exercised to provide the best care possible to the most residents for the longest period necessary. She will address ethical issues as well as review standards that have been applied in major health care crises. Long Term Care Facilities will be asked to contribute input to an effective LTC Crisis Standards of Care Plan.

Session Objectives:

- List major concerns of long term care providers in delivering care during disasters.
- Define and discuss the concept of “Crisis Standards of Care”
- Give examples of key care standards that may be challenged by reduced access to resources and staff shortages.
- Discuss ethical issues that health care providers face during disasters
- Give examples of application of crisis standards of care in actual emergency events.
- Identify gaps in current long term care plans to deliver crisis standards of care.
- Discuss components of special concerns by KY long term care to be included in a Crisis Standards of Care Plan

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Noon – 1:50 – Lunch with Speaker (TBA) Registration is required**

2:00 – 2:50 PM – LTC Reimbursement Issues in Evacuation 2:50 PM - Speaker TBD from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (DHHS)

LTC faces many challenges in evacuation situations, not least of which are successful reimbursement for services delivered by receiving facilities and sending facilities. This presentations will identify the issues of reimbursement for LTC in evacuation situations. The speaker will review CMS guidelines and protocols for reimbursement between facilities. In addition, the presenter will provide examples of effective reimbursement scenarios resulting from recent disasters involving LTC evacuation. Lessons learned from these scenarios will be shared with participants followed by open discussion.

Session Objectives:

- Identify the reimbursement issues of concern to long term care during evacuation
- Review CMS protocols for sending and receiving facilities in evacuation situations
- Provide examples of effective processing of LTC reimbursement resulting from evacuation situations
- Discuss lessons learned from recent disasters involving LTC reimbursement

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In the event CMS is not able to send a speaker, Betty Shiels will address the recent CMS proposed ruling regarding new proposed Emergency Preparedness regulations.

3:00 – 3:50 PM: Disasters in Kentucky: Reimbursement Options and Volunteer Options for LTC

Speaker: Jim Garrett, MDiv, STM, Kentucky Emergency Management.

During and after emergencies, resources (both financial and staffing) are stretched or limited. This presentations will provide options for LTC through FEMA, especially reimbursement. In addition, the presenter will introduce the participants to agencies and organizations that may be available to assist with continuity of care. Participates will learn about VOAD, KHELPS, MRC, among others and will have those acronyms “spelled out.”

Session Objectives:

- Describe the function of FEMA in disasters, especially as they relate to LTC.
- Give examples of ways FEMA can assist Long Term Care facilities in obtaining reimbursement after disasters.
- Identify and describe various volunteer agencies and organizations in KY that can serve LTC during and after emergencies and disasters.

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4:00 – 4:50 PM: Dementia Care and Emergency in LTC

Speaker: Elise Sebastian, MSSW, LCSW, Alzheimer’s Association, Greater Cincinnati Chapter

Individuals with cognitive impairments account for close to 70% of residents in KY nursing homes. Because they confuse easily and have difficulty following directions at times, it is important that special care and attention be given in how these residents are approached and provided for. This session will provide information on the special needs of persons with dementia and offer suggestions on preparing, caring, and following through after the event, to keep the residents safe.

Session Objectives:

- List many of the special issues faced by people with cognitive impairments and their caregivers in Long Term Care.
- Give examples of appropriate and effective approaches for care before, during and after disasters.
- Discuss effective ways for LTCs to communicate with First Responders regarding the special needs of residents with dementing illnesses.

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Wednesday, March 5, 2014

7:30 AM – Registration Opens

8:00 – 8:50 AM – Opening Session: Federal Assets

Speakers: **Debra Dillon** is the Area Emergency Manager for the VA. **Jeanne Eckes** serves as a Regional Emergency Coordinator (REC) for FEMA Region 4.

The Department for Health and Human Services (DHHS) has primary responsibility for ESF-8, and the VA is tasked to respond as part of the greater ESF-8 response and recovery to an incident. Disaster Emergency Medical Personnel System, Senior Leadership Teams, and other teams and task forces from VA may participate in these ESF-8 activities. Additional resources are also available under an ESF 8 tasking. Both the VA personnel and mobile resources will be reviewed during this presentation.

Session Objective:

- Describe available assets the VA may deploy under an ESF 8 tasking in coordination with Health and Human Services.

9:00 – 9:50 AM: LTC Awareness of Tuberculosis Infection and Revised Regulations for Healthcare Workers

Speaker: Emily Anderson is the KDPH TB Program Manager

This session will provide an overview of proposed revisions to current Kentucky statutes and regulations for tuberculosis prevention and control.

Session Objectives:

- Identify and develop basic knowledge and interpretation of current Kentucky statutes and regulations for tuberculosis prevention and control;
- List changes to the revised or new state regulations for tuberculosis prevention and control
- Recognize answers to frequently asked questions regarding state statutes and regulations for tuberculosis prevention and control

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10:00 – 10:50 AM: LTC - Identifying and Responding to Influenza Outbreaks in Healthcare Facilities

Speakers: Jan Hatfield serves as the Influenza Surveillance Coordinator in the Immunization Program at the Kentucky Department for Public. Laura Harrod serves as the Kentucky Vaccine Program Coordinator at KDPH.

Influenza can be introduced into a long-term care facility by newly admitted residents, health care workers and by visitors. Spread of influenza can occur between and among residents, health care providers, and visitors. Residents of long-term care facilities can experience severe and fatal illness during influenza outbreaks. This session will discuss vaccination, testing, infection control, antiviral treatment, and antiviral chemoprophylaxis.

Session Objectives:

- Discuss transmission of influenza viruses within a healthcare setting
- Recognize the importance of all residents and staff receiving vaccinations against flu.
- Apply droplet precautions for the prevention of transmission of the flu virus.
- Determine appropriate measures for communication to residents, staff and families inside and outside of the facility.
- Conduct teaching and education to the extent possible to all staff, residents and visiting families
- Evaluate influenza precautions and prevention measures to ensure appropriate response to next outbreak

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11:00 – 11:50 AM: LTC & Current Trends in Healthcare-Associated Infections

Speaker: Andrea Flinchum, RN, MPH, is Healthcare Associated Infection (HAI) Prevention Program Coordinator at the Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH).

This presentation will give participants a high level view of HAIs in 2014 Healthcare with an understanding of evidence based practices utilized to prevent HAIs and the collaboration of partners on different levels to prevent and eliminate HAIs.

Session Objectives:

- Define HAIs in a modern and complicated, sometimes convoluted healthcare system.
- Discuss national, state and local efforts towards eliminating HAIs.
- Identify a few important emerging pathogens, outbreak and reporting requirements

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Noon: Conclusion of Conference